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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: J. Weidanz et al.

SERIAL NO. 08/813,781

EXAMINER: Dr. M. Lubet

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GROUP: 1644

FOR: FUSION PROTEINS COMPRISING BACTERIOPHAGE COAT
PROTEIN AND A SINGLE-CHAIN T CELL RECEPTOR

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement dated February 27, 1998 as follows.

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement on grounds that undue burden should not be imposed by examination of multiple Groups together, as those Groups are defined in the Office Action.

In particular, the searches for at least several of the Groups should be substantially co-extensive. Groups I and II drawn to fusion proteins as defined in the Restriction Requirement are classified in the identical class and subclasses. Similarly, Groups III and IV, drawn to nucleic acids encoding such fusion proteins and methods for producing the fusion proteins also are classified in the identical class and subclasses. Groups V, VI and VIII also all have common classification as Groups III and IV.

Additionally, the Restriction Requirement states at the sentence bridging pages 3 and 4 that "[t]he proteins can be made without recourse to the nucleic acids by the materially distinct process of biochemical purification from natural sources...."

Applicants note the application discloses the claimed fusion molecules are produced by recombinant methods, not isolation of naturally occurring proteins. It is not known on what basis that statement in the Restriction Requirement is made.

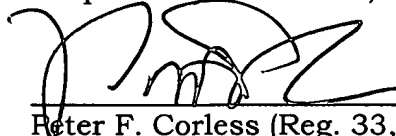
Applicants further note that a substantial financial burden would be imposed if Applicants must prosecute separate continuation applications for each of the sixteen groups set forth in the Restriction Requirement.

In view thereof, Applicants submit that search and examination of multiple Groups is appropriate, e.g. Groups I through VI and VIII could be suitably searched and examined together. Such reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is earnestly solicited.

Nevertheless, to provide a complete response, Applicants elect with traverse Group II, which includes claims 1-8, 13-17, 18, 19 and 20, as that Group is defined in the Restriction Requirement.

Early consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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